

**CNTA**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**October 23, 2025**  
**Meeting was hybrid**

**In Person:**

Dean Campbell	Paul Cloessner	Susie Ferrara	Fred Humes
Jesus Mancilla	Charles Munns		

**Virtual:**

Jeff Allender	Jhivaun Freeman-Pollard	Michele Harmon	Kenny Lee
Karl Lutterloh	Nick Miller	Booboo Roberts	

**Absent:**

Sally Bartelmo	Musa Danjaji	Aherial Drayton	Charlie Hansen
Joyce Hopperton	Natalia Johnson	Scott Kirk	Joel Leopard
Forest Mahan	Scott McKay	Lindsey MonBarren	Azi Samadi
Steve Sheetz	Maxwell Smith	Daren Timmons	
John Veldman	Tim Worrell	Amber Bolen*	

**CNTA Staff:**

Allison Hamilton, Jim Marra

**Call to Order**

- Jesus Mancilla called the meeting to order at 7:31am

**Minutes**

- Motion to Approve the Minutes from the Board of Directors meeting held September 25, 2025 as presented.
  - Moved- Humes, Second- Ferrara
  - Motion to approve the minutes approved by unanimous consent.

**Financials**

- Profit & Loss Statement through October 21, 2025
  - Have about \$4,000 in outstanding income from the Oyster Roast.
  - Because of grant extension \$5,000 of the grant expenditures will roll over to 2026.
  - Need to move \$30,000 from money market to checking to cover end of year expenses.
    - \$65,000 in grant funds currently in the account. We've been drawing from the general fund for those expenses.
  - Motion to approve transferring \$30,000 from money market to checking.
    - Moved- Allender, Second- Ferrara
    - Motion to approve funds transfer passed unanimously.
  - Motion to approve sponsorship of the 2026 DIG STEM Festival for \$1,000 to come from the education committee's general expense line item.
    - Moved- Ferrara, Second- Roberts
    - Motion to approve sponsorship payment passed unanimously.
- 2026 Operating Budget
  - Budget for the year is proposed at \$217,850.
  - Approval of the 2026 operating budget will occur at the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **Board Chair**

- 2026 Board Members
  - 3 board members are rolling off the board (Harmon, Johnson, and Freeman-Pollard). Thank you for your service!
  - Three nominations for new board members- Amber Bolen, Caroline Turner, & Duane McLane
  - Motion to approve the 2026 Board of Directors membership.
    - Moved- Munns, Second- Cloessner
    - Motion to approve the 2026 Board of Directors membership passed unanimously.
- 2026-2027 Officers
  - Proposed slate is: Jesus Mancilla as chair, Susie Ferrara as vice chair, Charles Hansen as treasurer, and Forest Mahan as past chair.
  - Motion to approve officers as proposed.
    - Moved- Munns, Second- Campbell
    - Motion to approve passed unanimously.

## **Communications Committee**

- Press Releases
  - Recently released:
    - Educator Grant Program for 2026
  - Upcoming:
    - DSA and NSA award winners' releases
    - Essay Contest launch
    - Post-Teller Lecture
- NSW Magazine
  - Copies available. Virtual magazine will go to membership on Monday.
  - Motion to approve software to create virtual magazines for website.
    - Moved- Allender, Second- Freeman-Pollard.
    - Motion to approve software expense passed unanimously.

## **Education Committee**

- STEM Events
  - Fall Fission Festival- October 18
    - Largest crowd at this event ever.
    - Was a good outreach event and supportive of our community partners.
- CNTA Podcast
  - YouTube revamp and organization has been completed.
  - First podcast is done. 2-3 more in the works right now.
  - Waiting on some content before having an official launch of the new program.
- Iverson Memorial Donations
  - Amber Bolen (Education Committee Chair) discussed the plans for the funds received in memory of Dan Iverson.
  - Will have a request for support to supplement these funds in December.

## **Young Professionals Committee**

- Oyster Roast
  - Went well.
  - Anticipate \$10,000-\$11,000 net profit after final bills are paid.
- Engagement

- Podcast will partially be focused on young professionals and new to site employees.
- Have the greenjackets game scheduled for June 2026.
- Have been promoting the ANS-SR trivia night that's tonight.

### **Executive Director**

- Up & Atoms
  - Johney Green (SRNL Lab Director) will speak in November
  - Have the membership appreciation Up & Atom scheduled for January.
  - February's Up & Atom is with DBD international on modelling.
  - Finalizing details on Southern Nuclear for March.
- NuWaDi Consortium Collaborative Based Siting Grants
  - Data collection for the Public Opinion poll is being overseen by Clemson.
  - Staff is working on a podcast (Nuclear for Newbies) utilizing unused NuWaDi grant funds.
  - Approved to extend project expenditures through February 2026.
- Membership Updates
  - Membership renewals are lagging a little bit. Expect a number of renewals at year's end.
- Teller Lecture
  - November 21<sup>st</sup> at the Amentum Center with a reception following at Newberry Hall.
  - Sponsorships and RSVP's coming in as expected.
- MOU with USCA for Cyber Response
  - Final part of the cybersecurity update we've been undergoing for the last year.
  - Motion to approve agreement
    - Moved- Munns, Second- Cloessner
    - Motion to approve passed unanimously.
- MOU with Café Scientifique
  - Will move the library to this location and combine with the SRS Museum's holdings.
  - Will allow us a space for larger meetings.
  - CNTA's insurance will only increase \$5/year.
  - Many board members do not know this space- will hold the December 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting in this location.
  - Motion to move forward with this MOU.
    - Moved- Ferrara, Second- Cloessner.
    - Motion to approve the MOU passed by unanimous consent.
- *Discussion- Need an unofficial policy of reviewing all MOUs.*
  - *Agree- will review in the fall when doing budgeting.*

### **Miscellaneous**

- 2026 CNTA Meeting Calendar
  - Review & let us know if you have issues.
- Contractor/Community Updates
  - SRS Museum
    - Scout Badge going well.
    - Fall Fission Festival went well.
    - New exhibit celebrating 75<sup>th</sup> will open soon.
  - Concerns over shutdown- what it will mean for local workers & our members

- Need an op-ed in support of data centers and nuclear energy at SRS.
  - Marra will spearhead this.

### **CNTA Calendar of Events**

- November 6, 2025- Up & Atom with SRNL. 7:30am at Newberry Hall in Aiken SC.
- November 21, 2025- 34th Annual Teller Lecture & Banquet. "A Walk Thru 75 years at SRS." 6:30pm at the Amentum Center in Aiken SC.
- January 28, 2026- Up & Atom “CNTA Membership Appreciation Breakfast” 7:30am at Newberry Hall in Aiken SC.
- February 18, 2026- Up & Atom “Transfer Route Diagram Generational Tool for increased efficiency.” 7:30am at Newberry Hall in Aiken SC.
- May 2, 2026- DIG STEM Festival in Williston. Details TBA.
- May 8, 2026- 24th Annual CNTA Charity Golf Tournament. Houndslake Country Club in Aiken SC.
- June 4, 2026- CNTA’s Night at the Greenjackets. Details TBA. SRP Park in North Augusta SC

### **Considerations for Future Speakers**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brian Powell - Clemson University, Radionuclides</li> <li>• STRATCOM or someone to talk about World situations</li> <li>• Reactor Contractors</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SHINE Medical Community partnering with SRNL</li> <li>• Honeywell- Uranium</li> <li>• Bechtel- Advanced Reactors</li> <li>• Survey of Small Modular Reactors</li> </ul> |
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### **Future Meetings**

- November 20, 2025- Executive Committee meeting at 7:30am via Microsoft Teams.
- December 4, 2025- Full Board Meeting at 7:30am. Hybrid- virtual via Zoom. In-person at Café Scientifique (203 Laurens St SW, Aiken, SC 29801)

### **Adjourned:**

- Motion to adjourn
  - Moved- Ferrara, Second- Campbell
  - Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:17 am.